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CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE-CENTRAL INDIANA TO CREATE TRAIL SYSTEM AT BARTON PARK AS PART OF OUTDOOR CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

INDIANAPOLIS – (Sept. 24, 2009) The City of Indianapolis and Ivy Tech Community College-Central Indiana on Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, will begin the field work needed to create a trail system within Barton Park as part of the Outdoor Classroom Initiative.

Ivy Tech students and faculty working alongside Indy Parks & Recreation employees will place the marked trail route in the park, remove trash and invasive species, and clear the north bank of Fall Creek from Capitol Avenue to Meridian Street.

Mayor Greg Ballard and Ivy Tech-Central Indiana Chancellor Dr. Hank Dunn in July announced this unique partnership between the City of Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation and Ivy Tech-Central Indiana to promote education among youth and provide opportunities for college students to interact with neighborhoods.

The Outdoor Classroom Initiative is a three-phase project engineered by the Environmental Education, Land Stewardship, Greenways and Forestry divisions of Indy Parks and the Geology, Biology and Engineering departments at Ivy Tech-Central Indiana. The first phase involved Indy Parks staff and Ivy Tech-Central Indiana faculty and students cleaning, mowing, and clearing brush and tree debris at Barton Park in July. The second phase places a trail system within the park. Phase three will be the development of a theme created by Ivy Tech-Central Indiana Fine Arts students that will be incorporated into benches to be placed in designated areas at the park.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

WHAT: Phase Two of Outdoor Classroom Initiative: Placing a Trail System within Barton Park

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 (At 8:30 a.m., Indy Parks Land Stewardship Supervisor Donald Miller will speak with Ivy Tech students and faculty about the day's projects.)

WHERE: Barton Park
2334 N. Capitol Ave.

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